

Please amend Claims 9, 10, 12, and 13 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of these claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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9. (Amended) A method for ~~preventing~~ <sup>treating</sup> mastitis in dairy cows, which comprises administering feedstuff comprising a therapeutically effective amount of phytase to lactating ~~cows~~ <sup>dairy cows</sup>.

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10. (Amended) The method for preventing mastitis in dairy cows of claim 9, which comprises administering feedstuff containing 50 to 5,000 units phytase per kg of dry feed matter.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Amended) The method for preventing mastitis in dairy cows of claim 10, wherein the feedstuff comprises formula feed.

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13. (Amended) The method for preventing mastitis in dairy cows of claim 10, wherein the feedstuff comprises zinc methionine sulfate.

#### REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. The subject matter of the amendment may be found in the specification as filed, *inter alia*, at page 5, line 4 and Examples 1 to 7. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.